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Joseph Lugo
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration on Aging
Office of Planning and Policy Development
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Lugo:

I am pleased to inform you that the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs will be submitting a proposal for Affordable Healthcare Act funding through the following grant opportunity: ADRC Options Counseling and Assistance Programs (Funding Opportunity Number HHS-2010-AOA-OC-1025). Elder Affairs enthusiastically embraces this opportunity to continue to develop its statewide standards for Long Term Care Options Counseling, and to contribute to the development of a national set of standards.

The contact for this grant opportunity is:

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We look forward to the opportunity to participate in a national effort to provide older adults with the information and guidance they need to improve quality of life and increase their independence.

Sincerely,

Ann L. Hartstein